



## Unanswerable

Guard—Hi! You can't take that dog into the carriage with you. Youth—Why not? He's quite quiet here.

Guard—We want the room for the passengers, that's why.

Youth (calmly)—All right, as soon as a passenger comes along who wants to get under the seat I'll get the dog out.

Nonplussed guard goes his way.—Cassell's.

## Devotion.

I knelt before a sacred shrine  
In solemn ecstasy,  
A holy light began to shine  
I raised my eyes to see,  
And in the silence all divine,  
Your eyes looked down on me.  
—Chicago Chronicle.

## SHACKLED.



Reginald—This football playing makes my Saxon blood tingle with delight in the fury of the fray!

Frances—Then why don't you play the game?

Reginald—Oh, mamma will not allow that.—Chicago News.

## The Difference.

"All flesh is grass," the preacher said; the butcher came next day, and as the preacher scanned his bill—the butcher heard him say:

"The flesh is grass, that's certain—but it's not as cheap as hay."—Chicago Record-Herald.

During a Lull in the Conversation.

"I admired that last piece you played, professor, immensely," said Mrs. Gaswell. "It had a kind of wild freedom about it, you know, a sort of get up and go that just suited me. Was it a composition of your own?"

"Madam," frigidly responded the eminent musician who had been hired for the occasion, "I was putting a new E string on my violin."—Chicago Tribune.

## Disappointed.

"Yes, she married him to reform him."

"Same old story, eh? I suppose her people feel just awful about it?"

"Oh, yes, they do. You see, he straightened up and became a model husband and citizen, and hasn't done a single thing they can gossip about."—Judge.

## Pleasure Deferred.

"If I had known," sobbed young Mrs. Fitts, "that you would be such a brute to poor Fido I never, never would have married you."

"My dear," replied Mr. Fitts, "the anticipation of kicking that miserable little beast was one of my chief reasons for proposing to you."—Smith's Weekly.

## Dead.

The dandy raised his hat to her, but stiffly she held her head, and sailed majestically on.

"I'm cutting a swell!" she said.  
—Chicago Tribune.

## READY FOR THE ORDEAL.



She—Of course you say that you would go through fire and water and endure hardships for my sake, but you cannot prove it.

He—But I can, dearest. I am willing to go through a full-dress fashionable wedding as soon as you like.—Chicago Chronicle.

## Time to Move.

"I was moved once by the notes of a little bird," said the romantic young man.

"So was I," spoke his friend.

"Canary bird?"

"No, cuckoo. I was calling on my girl and when the cuckoo called 11 times I knew it was my move."—Chicago News.

## Lordly Treatment.

Hojack—What do you mean by saying that he treated you like a lord?

Tomdick—He borrowed £500 from me.—Smith's Weekly.

## As Compared.

"Your head," remarked the garrulous barber to the Irishman in his chair, "is twice as large as mine."

"But O! suppose that head av yours do be big enough for you," said the genial son of Erin.

"Why, certainly," answered the tonsorial artist.

"Av coorse," continued the Irishman. "Phwat's the use av a man havin' a big trunk when he hasn't any clothes to put in it?"—Cassell's.

## Squaring the Account.

Josh Chuckleweight—Well, how'd ye come out with yer summer boarders?

Henry Lean—Oh, purty fair. Mother wuz laid up three months from warrin' on that dude; an' thet oldest son went out huntin' an' shot our Holstein heifer; an' them brat twins burned up the corn crib; but when Lizzie goes to the city they promised to take her fer a ride in their autyomobile.—Judge.

## He Didn't Laugh.

Little Johnny—That young man who comes to see you must be pretty poor company. He hasn't any sense of humor.

Sister—Why do you think so?

Little Johnny—I told him all about the funny way you rush about and bang the doors when you get in a temper, and he didn't laugh a bit.—Smith's Weekly.

## Nothin' Doin'.

Young Man—Say, you—er—remember the engagement ring I bought of you yesterday?

Jeweler—Yes; what's wrong with it?

Young Man—Nothing, but there's something wrong with the girl. Would you mind taking it back and giving me collar buttons for it?—Chicago News.

## Limited as to Choice.

"Daggers!" yelled her husband.

"Swords! Razors! Cutlasses! Carving knives! Hatchets! Cleavers! Axes!"

"What do you mean by that?" demanded the irate Mrs. Vick-Senn, who had been taking him to task severely for his various shortcomings.

"I'm trying to get in a word edgewise!" he said.—Chicago Tribune.

## Getting Next.

"I'm setting onto you, old man," thus in triumphant note, On that bleak November day, Sang the winter overcoat.  
—Chicago News.

## UNREASONABLE.



Mrs. Puzzle—I really don't know what to do. It is very difficult to please the world.

Mr. Puzzle—What is the difficulty?

Mrs. Puzzle—People are so unreasonable in their comments. If you tell all you hear they say you are a gossip, and if you don't, they say you are stupid and commonplace.—Chicago Journal.

## Speed Limit.

Autoist—Why, this is an outrage! What do you want to arrest me for? I was hardly moving.

Constable Greens—That's it, young feller—that's it. Yew see, all th' other automobiles went so consarned fast I couldn't stop nary a one, an' I had tew arrest somebody tew-day. Come along, young feller!—Judge.

## Effects of Feasting.

"Do you see that poor little girl feasting her eyes on the good things in that bakery window, Flossie?"

"Yes, mamma."

"Notice how her eyes bulge?"

"Yes; perhaps she's been feasting her eyes so much her eyes have got dyspepsia, mamma!" — Yonkers Statesman.

## Not Disposed to Criticize.

"Don't you think," asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "that our minister is becoming somewhat recondite?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied her hostess. "Josiah thinks so, but it don't seem to me that he weighs a pound more than he ought to for a man as tall as him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Protection That Protects.

Brownstone—Yes, sir; my house has been robbed three times, and I live right in the middle of the city, too, with a policeman at every corner. I should think you'd be scared half to death living as you do, way off in the country.

## A Lame Excuse.

Kind Lady—How did you become so lame?

Tramp—Over-exertion, mum.

Lady—Indeed, in what way?

Tramp—Movin' on every time a policeman told me.—Smith's Weekly.

## THE NAVAL ESTIMATES

The Annual Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

Attention Is Called To the Need For More Officers and Men in Order To Carry On the Work of the Navy.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The annual report of Secretary of the Navy Morton was made public Sunday.

The naval estimates for the next fiscal year are large, the largest ever submitted, notwithstanding the fact that they have been cut down from those sent in by the bureau more than seventeen million dollars. We have asked for less than the money actually required to continue the naval program as laid down by the general board, of which Adm. Dewey is the head, notwithstanding all who have studied the question carefully agree that this program should be carried out.

The past year was an important one in the history of our naval construction. Never before were so many war ships launched by this or any other nation in one year. Vessel for vessel and type for type I believe our new ships will compare favorably with those with any navy afloat, and every American should be proud of the progress and character of work now being accomplished, not only in construction but in all branches of the service.

New ships necessarily require more officers, more marines, and more enlisted men, and the appropriations are quite likely to increase steadily for some years to come. The more ships we have the greater our fixed charges will be and the greater our facilities necessarily must be, in the way of yards and docks, and the ability to make repairs and take proper care of the fleet.

Last year the navy cost a little over a dollar per capita. It cost little compared to what war would cost, and it is the best insurance we have against war. We want such a navy in size, style and "sand" that no other navy will desire an engagement with us. It is our greatest exhibit in favor of peace. We are bound to occupy a prominent position among the great nations of the earth, and while doubtless we shall always be in the lead in every international movement to promote peace, it is much better for us to be at all times so well prepared for war that war will never come. I am sure that the people of the United States will approve of a navy that is well prepared at all times to take care of their defenses and to protect their position in the world. This is all we are trying to accomplish.

The lessons of the war in the east thus far are the same as those of the Spanish war with respect to the relative value and uses of battleships, torpedo boats and destroyers. Weight of metal, heavy guns and hard hitting, whether at long or short range, still do the most effective work. The day of the battleship is not over, and the sphere of the lighter vessels, while important, is auxiliary only.

All commissioned officers of the navy are citizens of the United States. Of the total enlisted force, numbering 29,321, 80 per cent are native born, 11 per cent naturalized, giving, therefore, 91 per cent as citizens of the United States. Recruiting, now carried on extensively in the states of the middle west, brings to the navy an excellent class of young men. No better material can be found anywhere. If a taste for the service can be developed among this class of our citizens to such a degree that the enlisted personnel can be largely recruited from this source, great advantage to the navy will result. To this end it must be the united aim of all who have to do with naval administration to see that the enlisted personnel is dealt with justly.

## UNIFORM BILL OF LADING.

One Hundred Thousand Shippers Will Protest Against It.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Through their representatives 100,000 shippers will protest against the enforcement January 1 by the railroads throughout the country of the "Uniform bill of lading," before the inter-state commerce commission, which meets here Monday. Representatives of nearly 300 railroads have been subpoenaed to appear before the commission. The shippers, representing 50 associations, will state their case through their attorneys.

## Paul Kruger's Remains.

Capetown, Dec. 5.—The body of the late president of the Transvaal republic, Paul Kruger, is lying in state in the Hugenot memorial building where it is daily visited by great crowds.

## Red Cross Warehouse Burned.

Harbin, Dec. 5.—Gen. Gripenberg has arrived here and will remain two days. A large warehouse of the Red Cross society here has been burned, entailing a great loss of supplies.

General Superintendent of C. H. & D. Pueblo, Col., Dec. 5.—W. H. Bowron, superintendent of the first division of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, has resigned, effective January 1, to accept the position of general superintendent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad.

## Medical Colleges to Combine.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—It is announced that the Hahnemann Medical college and the Chicago Homeopathic Medical college will be combined under the name of the Hahnemann Medical college of Chicago.

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